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1 carefully -- sorry -- if I understand your question
2 correctly, you're asking do I know whether the 143
3 orders includes or excludes large Iceberg orders?

4 Q. No, not large Iceberg orders. Yeah,
5 Iceberg orders, no one of which would be a large lot
6 order. But in the aggregate, in other words, if a
7 trader wanted to buy or sell 200 contracts, but he
8 entered the orders 20 contracts at a time, would
9 those transactions be included in your 143 large lot
10 orders?

11 A. No, not for Moncada and not for other
12 traders. The large lot orders were defined by me as
13 orders where the individual order was 200 contracts
14 or more, not an accumulation.

15 Q. And do you have any idea of what
16 percentage of trades where a trader wanted to
17 accumulate or sell 200 lots or more were accomplished
18 via the Iceberg method?

19 A. No. As I said, other than the data
20 pertaining to the two firms that Moncada was
21 associated with, I do not have anything that
22 identifies Iceberg orders for me.

23 Q. And I believe you intimate or you say in
24 your report that the Iceberg method is a more
25 effective method of accumulating or disposing of

1 large numbers of contracts?

2 A. In general, what I had to say about
3 Iceberg orders is they can be effective for getting
4 your trades done without moving the price unduly.

5 Q. So there may have been a large number of
6 traders who entered Iceberg orders for large lots,
7 but did it in small increments that are not captured
8 by this data; is that correct?

9 A. I think we're using the word "large lot"
10 differently. Again, I'm referring to "large lot" to
11 mean 200 or more contracts in a single order.

12 Q. Correct, and I understand that. What I'm
13 saying is that there may have been traders who wanted
14 to buy or sell 200 or more contracts at the same
15 time, but did it by the Iceberg method of entering
16 smaller orders sequentially?

17 A. So when you say "smaller orders," do you
18 mean smaller displayed to the world orders?

19 Q. Correct.

20 A. In any event, the answer is it's certainly
21 possible, if somebody wanted to accumulate a big
22 position and used many small orders rather than one
23 big order. That's certainly possible.

24 Q. And you have stated in here that that is
25 an effective method of buying or selling large

1 numbers of contracts?

2 A. Well, what I did say is that you --
3 electing to use the Iceberg method, based on economic
4 reasoning in my analysis of an equity market that has
5 a similar option can be an effective method of
6 getting trades executed without moving the market as
7 much as you would if you exposed your orders.

8 Q. So the only trades encompassed in the 143
9 large lot orders by other marketing participants were
10 trades of 200 or more contracts entered at the same
11 time not via the Iceberg method?

12 A. Or orders of 200 or more. Trades are
13 separate, a separate issue, yeah.

14 Q. Separate issue.

15 A. Orders of 200 or more, and again, on the
16 last part I'm not certain because I'm not certain --
17 again, the fact that something was not displayed to
18 traders in realtime is not necessarily the same as
19 saying that it was not recorded by the exchange in
20 their database. So I'm using an exchange database,
21 so an Iceberg order says you don't display this to
22 the world in realtime, other than the tip of the
23 Iceberg, but that doesn't necessarily mean it's not
24 in the database.

25 Q. You don't know?

1 Q. That would be an example of what you're
2 talking about in paragraph (v)?

3 A. That would be an example. My analysis
4 says that, in fact, that's what he typically did.

5 Q. Yeah, and so -- but wasn't it also true
6 that he typically already was either long or short in
7 the same direction as his large lot order?

8 A. I didn't quantify that.

9 Q. Would that be something you'd want to
10 know?

11 A. Doesn't seem terribly central to me.
12 First of all, it's difficult for me to do without
13 actually seeing his account statements. In other
14 words, I didn't know his overnight positions. That
15 was not necessary for any of the analysis I did, but
16 it would be necessary for the analysis you propose.
17 I don't think it's particularly useful. I think
18 nothing speaks louder about what somebody intends
19 than what they do, and what he did was trade in the
20 opposite direction of his large orders.

21 Q. But he traded in the opposite direction of
22 existing positions. Wouldn't that be relevant?

23 A. I guess I don't see the relevance.
24 Whether this was done to liquidate an existing
25 position or put on a new position, in my mind the

1 question of whether it's legal, which is not for me
2 to decide.

3 Q. It's not a question of whether it's legal.
4 Is it an indication that he didn't intend to trade?

5 A. If it's happening again and again and
6 again, it would be consistent with the interpretation
7 that he didn't intend to trade on one side. Nothing
8 speaks louder about intentions than actions.

9 Q. If he routinely places orders at different
10 prices and the market moves in a direction which
11 leads him to execute one trade and cancel the other,
12 you're saying that that would be indicative of
13 manipulation?

14 MR. RIDNOUR: Objection; asked and
15 answered.

16 A. I'm not opining on manipulation. Now, if
17 it was random on the buy side and the sell side, that
18 would be one thing. If it was systematically on one
19 side versus the other, then I would ask, "Well,
20 what's this doing to other people's order strategy?
21 What's this doing to the liquidity in the market?
22 What's this doing to bid-ask spreads? What's this
23 doing to volatility in the market?" Those would all
24 be relevant questions that I would want to assess.

25 Q. So what did his trading do to liquidity in

1 the market?

2 A. Slightly widened the bid-ask spreads
3 around the times that he was entering his large
4 orders.

5 Q. Slightly by how much?

6 A. I'd -- report estimates.

7 Q. Is it fair to say less than a tenth of a
8 penny, on average?

9 A. There's coefficients in the tables, and
10 right offhand I can't convert that into a penny
11 amount for you. I think it's safe to say moderate,
12 modest effects on the bid-ask spread, on average,
13 across all his orders. Probably table 12 is probably
14 the one you're looking for.

15 Q. I'm looking at the text here.

16 A. Okay. Probably page 29.

17 Q. I think paragraph 62 on page 26.

18 A. In 62, I think I'm focusing on the level
19 of prices rather than spreads.

20 Q. Okay. Is it fair to say that for every
21 1,000 net contract entered by Moncada, the increase
22 was about a tenth of a penny or less?

23 A. So I'm just reading the paragraph 62 here.
24 So some of the coefficients .096, prices were
25 measured in cents. Those are contracts, so for each

1 thousand contracts we have an increase of .09 cents,
2 correct, yes.

3 Q. And --

4 A. I should clarify that's on average, across
5 all.

6 Q. And how are wheat contracts quoted? In
7 increments of what?

8 A. The tick size I've mentioned in here, I'm
9 not recalling offhand.

10 Q. If I suggest 2-and-a-half cents; is that
11 correct?

12 A. That sounds correct.

13 MR. RIDNOUR: I think it's a quarter cent.

14 MR. ASCHE: I'm sorry, quarter cent.

15 THE WITNESS: I know I have it written
16 down here somewhere.

17 MR. ASCHE: See, you can get a witness to
18 say anything.

19 THE WITNESS: I know I have it written
20 down here at some point.

21 MR. ASCHE: I think it's a quarter cent.

22 THE WITNESS: Quarter cent, yeah.

23 Q. (By Mr. Asche) So the average movement was
24 less than a tick?

25 A. Per thousand.

1 period of time. He was an active trader.

2 Q. And that would not even be unusual for an
3 average trader; correct?

4 A. I guess it depends on the average trader.
5 I think, you know, my sense if there's a lot of
6 traders who just dabble a little bit in the market.
7 But there will be other active traders, and you will
8 find cases where traders are both buying and selling
9 in a given period.

10 Q. Now, in the 20-second interval that you
11 say there was some effect on price, even though it
12 was less than quantifiable as a bid --

13 A. I wouldn't agree it's less than
14 quantifiable. It was quantifiable.

15 Q. Well, it was less than the minimum
16 measurement on the --

17 A. Per thousand contracts.

18 Q. Correct.

19 A. Over the periods where he put in many
20 thousands of contracts.

21 Q. Yes. So were you able to determine what
22 Mr. Moncada did in that 20-second interval?

23 A. I'm sorry, which 20-second interval do you
24 have in mind in particular?

25 Q. The interval that you referred to in

1 Q. And by far most of them?

2 A. Indeed. It's out 10 minutes, 30 minutes,
3 60 minutes later that we see the largest cumulative
4 trading in the opposite direction.

5 Q. And you never quantified the effect on the
6 market of these large lot orders that far out?

7 A. What do you mean "that far out"? In terms
8 of did his orders affect prices 60 minutes out?

9 Q. Yes.

10 A. Yeah. The data, there's just not enough
11 information in the data to reliably say what he did
12 to prices that far out.

13 Q. Understood. So coming back to the text on
14 page 4, you have a lot of -- you discuss what happens
15 within 2 minutes, within 10 minutes, within 30
16 minutes, within 60 minutes. Do you see that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. But you have no information as to whether
19 those trades in the opposite direction benefitted
20 from any price change associated with his large lot
21 orders?

22 A. That's correct. My assessment of his
23 effect on the market shows short-term effects. I
24 cannot say whether he affected the market that far
25 out.

1 way off the market?

2 A. Yeah. The more aggressive your prices,
3 the more competitive your prices -- you used the
4 phrase "greater risk of getting hit." Another way to
5 say the same thing is a there's a greater chance of
6 executing your trade, which, in fact, I've documented
7 in a stock market.

8 Q. And Moncada's bids were extremely
9 aggressive; right?

10 A. That's why it's all the more remarkable
11 that he had such low execution rates on orders that
12 we would normally expect to have high execution
13 rates.

14 Q. Well, some traders bid way off the market
15 and keep their bids out there, and Moncada bid at the
16 market and cancelled frequently. Is that fair to
17 say?

18 A. Those facts seem accurate, yes.

19 Q. In paragraph 27, you say: "Although
20 Moncada most often cancelled his orders quickly, they
21 were visible long enough to generate responses
22 from" --

23 A. I'm sorry, which paragraph are you
24 reading?

25 Q. Twenty-seven, I'm sorry, page 13.

1 disseminates, in realtime, the top ten levels of the
2 book.

3 Q. But the cancellation is also visible?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So he's not -- what the market sees is
6 he's ordered and cancelled?

7 MR. RIDNOUR: Object to form.

8 A. Correct. Someone who's paying attention
9 would see --

10 Q. (By Mr. Asche) A spoofer --

11 A. -- a cancellation.

12 MR. RIDNOUR: Let him finish answering his
13 question, please.

14 MR. ASCHE: I'm sorry.

15 Q. (By Mr. Asche) A spoofer leaves his buy
16 order above the market out there and allows it to be
17 hidden; correct?

18 A. That does not seem right to me. First of
19 all, it does not necessarily have to be above market.
20 In their example it's above market, but I don't see
21 that that's necessary.

22 Second, leaving it out there, it's
23 unclear. A spoofer does not want their order to
24 execute. If you leave it out there a long time, the
25 risk of execution goes up. So it's not at all clear

1 A. So on table 12 I'm conducting additional
2 analyses to assess whether Mr. Moncada's large orders
3 affected the market. So a regression analysis here,
4 a little simpler than GARCH, but, broadly speaking,
5 similar, letting the data speak, using all the data,
6 not eyeballing.

7 So in panel A, what we're assessing is
8 whether his large orders were associated with changes
9 in the bid-ask spread on the CBOT.

10 And in panel B, I'm assessing -- I
11 basically look at new order entry by everybody except
12 Moncada to see if his orders affect other people's
13 order submissions. And that's particularly relevant
14 because the spoofing strategy says that that's the
15 goal, actually. My understanding of the spoofing
16 strategy is that that's the goal, to get other
17 people -- to fool people and get them to enter other
18 orders.

19 Q. But for that strategy to work, you have to
20 enter your order at a time when the spoofing strategy
21 is effective.

22 MR. RIDNOUR: Object to form.

23 Q. (By Mr. Asche) You can't do it the next
24 day?

25 MR. RIDNOUR: Object to form.

1 A. I mean, the idea is to get -- the idea is
2 you put in a buy order to fool other people and get
3 them to put in buy orders also. Then you would sell
4 into it. That's my understanding of a spoofing
5 strategy.

6 Q. (By Mr. Asche) But you have to effect your
7 sell at a time when the market has reacted to your
8 spoof.

9 A. To be successful, yes. I mean, more
10 generally, if you fail to fool the market, it's not
11 going to work.

12 Q. Right.

13 A. But if you do attract more orders on the
14 same side, it's consistent with the idea that to some
15 extent you fooled the market. And that's actually
16 what panel B, the data, suggests, that around the
17 time that Mr. Moncada put in large orders, he
18 attracted net order entry on the same side around the
19 time that he did it.

20 Q. Did you determine whether or not
21 Mr. Moncada placed his large buy orders because he
22 expected more orders on the same side?

23 MR. RIDNOUR: Object; calls for
24 speculation.

25 MR. ASCHE: I asked whether he tracked it.

1 Q. Enron we talked about. Internet Law
2 Library?

3 A. Short selling. It was a short-selling
4 case. The assertion was that some people had used
5 short-selling strategies to artificially depress
6 stock prices. I was employed in that case by the
7 plaintiffs.

8 MR. ASCHE: Okay. I have no further
9 questions.

10 MS. DIAMOND: Can we take a brief break?

11 MR. ASCHE: Of course.

12 (Recess)

13 MR. RIDNOUR: Back on the record.

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15 EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. RIDNOUR:

17 Q. Dr. Bessembinder, I've got two clarifying
18 questions. Earlier you testified that traders may
19 use Iceberg orders to get a better price. What do
20 you mean by a "better price"?

21 A. So the Iceberg orders, my understanding of
22 the economics and also what I've documented in my
23 study of stock exchange trading in Paris, is Iceberg
24 orders are used to reduce the extent to which the
25 price will run away from your order, so somebody who

1 wants to buy is worried that the price could head up
2 before they can get their buy order executed. So the
3 Iceberg function is used to reduce the extent to
4 which other people know that you have an interest in
5 doing a big buy, and hopefully you can get your big
6 buy done without pushing the price up. So you're
7 doing it to reduce the price impact of your trades.

8 Q. And you also testified earlier that there
9 is no volatility if the price moves one tick at a
10 time. What do you mean by "moving one tick at a
11 time"? And why does that mean there's no volatility?

12 A. So hopefully the record will show that I
13 stated something slightly different than that, and
14 that's that if the price always went up by one tick,
15 that would be no volatility, because volatility is
16 computed around the average. So if it always goes up
17 by one tick, then the average is one tick up. And if
18 it's always up one tick, there's no volatility around
19 the average. So that's what I intended to say.
20 Hopefully that's what the record shows I said.

21 Now, to broaden that a little bit, you
22 could have a market move in one-tick increments and
23 still you have a very volatile market. It depends.
24 So if you have up-and-down moves, you have
25 volatility, and it depends on how many moves there

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p. 15, line 1	"lag files" should be "log files"	Transcript is in error
p. 16, line 22 and line 23	"lag files" should be "log files"	Transcript is in error
p. 20, line 4	"reasoning in my analysis" should be "reasoning and my analysis"	Transcript is in error
p. 20, line 12	"Or orders" should be "Orders"	Transcript is in error
p. 60, line 10	"going on" should be "Going in"	Transcript is in error
p. 64, line 5	"older trader" should be "alert trader"	Transcript is in error
p. 79, line 19.	"I'm not sure if there's" should be "I'm not sure. There is"	Transcript is in error
p. 84, lines 1 to 3.	"I shouldn't say beginning of the day since they've pointed the day" should be "I should have said beginning of the day to that point in the day"	Transcript is in error
p. 92, line 12	"by measuring" should be "I measure"	Transcript is in error
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p. 94, lines 12 and 13	"that's a value" should be "the absolute value"	Transcript is in error
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p. 101, line 19.	"I traded in" should be "he traded in"	Transcript is in error